

STATE ARMORY BOARD
January 14, 2020

The State Armory Board (SAB) convened at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, January 14, 2020 in the Adjutant General's Conference room, located on the second floor—Building One of Joint Forces Headquarters at Stout Field, 2002 South Holt Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46241, pursuant to notices given to all concerned.

MEMBERS PRESENT

MG (Ret) R. Martin Umbarger—President
BG (Ret) Ronald W. Henry—Vice-President
BG R. Dale Lyles—The Adjutant General, Secretary-Treasurer
MSG (Ret) Donivan J. Mahuron—Member
COL (Ret) Marjorie K. Courtney—Member

OTHERS PRESENT

BG Timothy Winslow—Director, Joint Staff
COL (Ret) John Silva—Controller
Mr. Scott R. Collins—Director, State Operations
MAJ Ken Washington—Staff Judge Advocate's Office
Mr. Jason Thompson—Agency General Counsel
Mr. James Mahern—State Facilities Officer
Mr. Steve Hines—Federal Facilities & Engineering Office
Mrs. Stephanie Brossman—Field Auditor
Miss Mary Barbee—Business Administrator, Controller's Office—Recorder

THOSE ABSENT

COL (Ret) Timothy R. Warrick—Member
LTC Elizabeth Murphy—Staff Judge Advocate's Office
Mrs. Mary Carrico—State Contracting Officer

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 21, 2019 Meeting was made by Colonel Courtney, seconded by General Henry, and carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Colonel Silva briefed the Board concerning the financial stability of the State Armory Board.

He reminded the Board of their annual approval of the budgets for the Ceremonial Unit and the Indiana Guard Reserve (IGR), indicating neither section exhausts their funds during the course of the fiscal year, always ensuring there are funds to be returned to the Board.

For a breakdown of those funds, Colonel Silva indicated the Board approved an initial Budget Allowance of \$113,876.84 for the Ceremonial Unit, whose spending to date is \$42,720.49; leaving an available balance of \$71,156.35. The IGR began Fiscal Year 2020 with an initial Budget Allowance of \$71,559.06—year to date expenditures for the IGR are \$21,220.91; leaving them an available balance of \$50,338.15

Colonel Silva reminded the Board a credit card has been established for employee travel purposes; therefore, the Board will no longer sponsor travel payments to be reimbursed by the federal government at a later date.

Colonel Silva provided a listing for Fiscal Year 2019 armory rental agreements, indicating the listing does not give a breakdown of the length of the rental contract, just that the armory had incurred a rental contract during the past fiscal year.

General Umbarger expressed concern regarding the use of social media marketing to enhance the number of armories being rented; to which, General Lyles emphasized his desire to implement “hometown” soldiers being assigned to armories as an effort to enhance not only rentals; but overall recruiting/retention efforts, giving the Indiana National Guard a “hometown feeling,” it had experienced in the past.

Sergeant Mahuron questioned the Certificates of Deposit, indicating the rate of return on the First Merchants CD was low, and hoped the Board would get a better rate on the German American CD when it matures in February.

Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Sergeant Mahuron, seconded by Colonel Courtney, and carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

General Umbarger asked Mr. Steve Hines, Construction and Facilities Management Officer (CFMO), to be present at upcoming Board meetings to present a brief to the Board concerning major capital projects.

Mr. Hines briefed the Board concerning the Major Capital Projects of the CFMO. He stated each year a condition rating based on the life cycle of boilers, HVAC systems is conducted, and currently, that rating is at 81 per cent, or “amber.”

He indicated approximately four million dollars in maintenance and repair costs at various armories would be funded through federal dollars, and that the current State Capital Budget is approximately \$830,250.00

Mr. Hines specified the upcoming Major Capital Projects are as follows: Fiscal Year 21—Shelbyville Expansion; Fiscal Year 23—Hamilton County/Atlanta Armory; Fiscal Year 24—expansion of the multi-purpose machine gun range at Camp Atterbury.

Upgrades to the “zero” ranges at Camp Atterbury are needed: this will entail a federal investment of \$700,000.00; in addition to the range not having had any repairs done since the 1970’s, the upgrades will allow the ranges to be used as a part of world pistol/small-bore rifle competitions held annually at Camp Atterbury.

Sergeant Mahuron expressed concern regarding the farm properties at Camp Fowler and Knightstown. Mr. Jason Thompson, general counsel, indicated discussion concerning the properties was needed; but it should wait until spring, when the mowing season begins. Mr. Jim Mahern, State Facilities Officer emphasized the area’s Physical Plant Director checks on the Camp Fowler property every two weeks, and the boiler had recently been replaced. He and Mr. Thompson reminded the Board, retired, former Adjutant General Corey Carr had expressed an interest in maintaining the Camp Fowler property to entertain the

possibility of a trade with another state agency who might be in possession of property deemed valuable by the State Armory Board.

General Umbarger shared the thanks of Mr. John Elliott, CEO of Gleaner's Food Bank for allowing national guard armories to host Gleaner's in its distribution of food from its food pantries for needy families across Indiana.

The twenty-sixth class at the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy began their studies on January 11th, with 112 cadets in attendance, General Umbarger said he was happy with the quality of the incoming cadets.

Master Sergeant William "Pappy" Hayes (aged 92), former member of Company D 151st Infantry "Rangers" passed away on Friday, January 10th. His funeral will be held on January 25th at Holy Spirit Catholic Church—7243 East 10th Street in Indianapolis from 9 A.M. through 11 A.M. General Umbarger felt it fitting for the Ceremonial Unit to take part in the service; General Lyles stated he would contact the Ceremonial Unit, as MSG Hayes and his family are very deserving of the honor of the presence of the Ceremonial Unit at the funeral.

6. REMARKS BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

General Lyles provided a brief to the Board on the status of Indiana National Guard.

General Lyles indicated he will visit with State Senator Jeff Raatz to discuss the possibility of Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy benefiting from the senator's proposed bill, which would allow students who have completed less than half of the required credits by their senior year to seek an equivalency diploma, or GED, instead. The bill, which has yet to be heard by committee, would also count those students as graduates for those school's rates.

General Lyles spent a week in Kuwait with the 38th Infantry Division, who is participating in Task Force Spartan, the 600 soldiers currently on deployment will return to the United States in March 2020.

General Lyles indicated a few soldiers of the 113th Engineer Battalion were affected by a detonated IED—only minor injuries were sustained, and the soldiers were quickly returned to duty.

Members of the 638th Aviation Support Battalion have returned from their deployment to the Middle East.

General Lyles indicated there would be no large mobilizations in 2020; but there would be a few small ones.

General Lyles informed the Board his current focus is on recruiting and his goal is to get 2,000 accessions per year as strength within the Indiana National Guard is down. To aid him in achieving this goal, he has created a program which he feels is on the edge, creative and very futuristic. The Referral Enlistment Program is supported with two hundred thousand state dollars and is open to any U.S. citizen over the age of 18 who ‘recruits’ someone to the Indiana National Guard—Army or Air. The referring person will receive \$250 when the recruit clears the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) and an additional when the recruit completes his/her Advanced Individual Training (AIT) and returns to “home station.”

On Friday, the 24th of January, General Lyles plans to meet with Colonel Teri Williams, commander of the 91st Cyber Brigade to discuss Indiana’s role with cyber warfare. General Lyles states the Cyber Academy at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC) is available as a course of study to anyone who can successfully pass the entrance exams to attend IVY Tech State College—classes and housing are at MUTC for the duration of the two-year degree. General Umbarger indicated he would like for Lieutenant Colonel Charles Wimp to brief the Board regarding MUTC, General Lyles concurred it would be beneficial to the Board.

Mr. Scott R. Collins introduced himself to the Board: Mr. Collins is the Director of State Operations. He follows General Lyles’ vision of “people first,” and feels the Adjutant General’s Agency is making progress as he meets with each new state employee as they go through their ‘new hire’ classes, emphasizing how important communication is. Mr. Collins works very closely with Mr. Troy Joslin, Director of the Hoosier Youth ChalleNGe Academy; and was excited to meet the new class. He is currently scheduled to participate in learning about cooperative agreements.

Prior to becoming the Director of State Operations, Mr. Collins was Director of Operations for Horizon House. He is a retired Captain from the Marion County Sheriff’s Department; former chief-deputy trustee of Perry Township; and former senior financial analyst for the Indianapolis Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Jason Thompson informed the Board it was time to complete their annual Financial Disclosure forms for the Indiana Ethics Commission. He

indicated Board Members had the option of completing paper forms or using the electronic version at the State of Indiana's website.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

There being no further business to discuss, the Board agreed to conduct the next meeting of the State Armory Board at ten o'clock (10 A.M.) on Friday, the 6th of March, 2020, in the Adjutant General's Conference Room, located in Building One of Indiana Joint Forces Headquarters, at Stout Field, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Motion to adjourn the January 14, 2020 meeting of the State Armory Board was made by Colonel Courtney, seconded by General Henry, and carried at 11:15 A.M.

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MG (RET) R. MARTIN UMBARGER, PRESIDENT

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BG R. DALE LYLES, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
SECRETARY-TREASURER